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[TheVillageBirders] 3/5/18 Trip to Blue Spring State Park and Boat ride

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A cool morning at Blue Spring State Park turned into a 75 degree perfect day.

45 people showed up for our walk and boat tour on the St Johns River.

The day was better than expected. We were told there were no Manatees in the Spring but because of the cooler weather 13 were counted and we saw some of them including a Mom and 6-9month old calf.

On the boat trip we passed a dozen American Bitterns, many Limpkins, Purple Gallinules and nesting Great Blue Herons. We did see a pair of Limpkins with 3 very young chick-fuzz balls.

A Barred Owl was watching us just above the river. and Alligators were everywhere.

Our group Tallied 51 species ending with a picnic lunch at the park. It turned out to be a beautiful day!

Thank you everyone for coming.

<b>WATERFOWL</b>		<b>CORM, ANH, PELS</b>		<b>RAILS, CRANES</b>		<b>GULLS, TERNS</b>	
Bl-bel Whistling-Duck		D-crested Cormorant	X	Yellow Rail		Pomarine Jaeger	
Fulv. Whistling-Duck		Anhinga	X	Black Rail		Parasitic Jaeger	
Snow Goose		Amer. White Pelican		Clapper Rail		Bonaparte's Gull	
Ross's Goose		Brown Pelican		King Rail		Laughing Gull	
Canada Goose				Virginia Rail		Ring-billed Gull	X
Egyptian Goose		<b>WADERS</b>		Sora		Herring Gull	
Muscovy Duck		American Bittern	X	Purple Gallinule	X	Lr. Black-backed Gull	
Wood Duck		Least Bittern		Common Gallinule	X	Gr. Black-backed Gull	
Gadwall		Great Blue Heron	X	American Coot	X	Least Tern	
Eurasian Wigeon		Great Egret	X	Limpkin	X	Gull-billed Tern	
American Wigeon		Snowy Egret	X	Sandhill Crane	X	Caspian Tern	
Mallard		Little Blue Heron	X	Whooping Crane		Common Tern	
Mottled Duck		Tricolored Heron	X			Forster's Tern	
Blue-winged Teal	X	Reddish Egret		<b>SHOREBIRDS</b>		Royal Tern	X
Northern Shoveler		Cattle Egret	X	Black-necked Stilt		Sandwich Tern	
Northern Pintail		Green Heron	X	American Avocet		Black Skimmer	
Green-winged Teal		B-crown. Night-Heron		Amer. Oystercatcher			
Canvasback		Y-crown. Night-Heron		Black-bellied Plover		<b>DOVES, CUCKOOS</b>	
Redhead		White Ibis	X	Am. Golden-Plover		Rock Pigeon	
Ring-necked Duck		Glossy Ibis		Snowy Plover		Eur. Collared-Dove	
Lesser Scaup		Roseate Spoonbill		Wilson's Plover		White-winged Dove	
White-winged Scoter				Semipalmated Plover		Com. Ground-Dove	
Black Scoter		<b>RAPTORS</b>		Piping Plover		Mourning Dove	X
Long-tailed Duck		Black Vulture	X	Killdeer		Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
Bufflehead		Turkey Vulture	X	Spotted Sandpiper			
Common Goldeneye		Osprey	X	Solitary Sandpiper		<b>OWLS</b>	
Hooded Merganser		Swallow-tailed Kite		Greater Yellowlegs		Barn Owl	
Common Merganser		Snail Kite		Willet		Eastern Screech-Owl	
R-breast. Merganser		Mississippi Kite		Lesser Yellowlegs		Great Horned Owl	
Ruddy Duck		Bald Eagle	X	Whimbrel		Burrowing Owl	
		Northern Harrier		Marbled Godwit		Barred Owl	X
<b>QUAIL, TURKEY</b>		Sharp-shinned Hawk		Ruddy Turnstone		Short-eared Owl	
Northern Bobwhite		Cooper's Hawk		Red Knot			
Wild Turkey	X	Red-shouldered Hawk	X	Stilt Sandpiper		<b>NIGHT, APOD, KING</b>	
		Broad-winged Hawk		Sanderling		Common Nighthawk	
<b>LOONS, GREBES</b>		Short-tailed Hawk		Dunlin		Chimney Swift	
Common Loon		Swainson's Hawk		Purple Sandpiper		R-throated Hummer	
Pied-billed Grebe	X	Red-tailed Hawk	X	Least Sandpiper		B-chinned Hummer	
Horned Grebe				Semipalm. Sandpiper		Belted Kingfisher	X
				Western Sandpiper			
<b>STORK, FRIG, GANN</b>				Shrt-billed Dowitcher			
Wood Stork	X			Long-billed Dowitcher			
Magnif. Frigatebird				Wilson's Snipe			
Northern Gannet				American Woodcock			

